



S/SGT. HOMER E. FLOWERS

With U.S. Combat Air Forces, Vietnam—Staff Sergeant Homer E. Flowers, son of Mrs. Margaret E. Mann of R.F.D. 1, Hancock, Md., is a member of a unit that has earned the U.S. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for the third consecutive year.

Sergeant Flowers, a food service supervisor in the 12th Tactical Fighter Wing at Cam Ranh Bay AB, Vietnam, will wear the distinctive ribbon to mark his affiliation with the unit.

The 12th, the first F-4 Phantom wing to operate in Vietnam, was cited for flying 23,000 combat sorties with skill and professionalism during the period from June 1, 1967 to May 31, 1968.

The sergeant attended Hancock High School.

His wife, Geraldine, is the daughter of Robert W. Simpson of 829 River Road.

Consumer news

Mr. Dermot P. Shea, Exec. Secretary of the state consumers' council, today issued a consumer advisory bulletin stating that effective August 8, 1969, a consumer who receives in the mail unordered goods, wares or merchandise shall be entitled to dispose or use the same without obligation to the sender.

The consumer has been regularly besieged by a volume of unrequested, unsolicited merchandise of various kinds. The current law imposed a burden on the recipient to either, (1) purchase the item(s), (2) return same at some inconvenience and/or expense, (3) store the merchandise for future pickup. Since the goods were not requested in the first place the failure to return the goods usually resulted in the recipient being billed and dunned for payment and sometimes an unfavorable report to a Credit Bureau which might impair the recipient's credit.

The new law will strengthen the existing common law on contracts by putting mail order companies "on notice" that recovery of the merchandise or payment therefor will be barred to the firms sending the unordered merchandise by providing a complete statutory defense to the consumer receiving such unsolicited goods.

DEAN'S LIST at AIC

Springfield, Mass. — Harry J. Cournotes, dean, American Internat'l College School of Business Admin., has announced that 46 undergraduates attained Dean's List status during the 2nd semester of the 1968-69 academic year.

Students receiving this academic honor at AIC are in the upper 10% of their class in the School of Business Admin.

Among the students from the Agawam area on the AIC Dean's List are:

Agawam: Fredric S. Wilson of 609 Main St.

Feeding Hills: Mrs. Sylvia F. DeChristopher of 412 North West St. and Peter G. Patterson of 61 So. Westfield St.

Little things can break your back you can sit on a mountain, But not on a tack.

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Let's Get the Facts Straight



V. R. Moreno

and EXPOSE the INCREDIBLE

Why does Selectman Reynolds persist in attempting to explain the tax structure of Agawam? It is something he knows very little about. He continues to make misleading statements in his "Now We Understand" column.

Mr. Reynolds is so far off from the facts in his attempt to beg off for the constant increase in our taxes that, if he is allowed to keep it up he will irreparably mislead and confuse Agawam taxpayers. He should be silenced or exposed. Since I can't silence him, I must expose his lack of public administrative know-how.

In his column in another local paper dated July 31, and August 7, he says, "Our state returns were some \$300,000 less in 1969 compared to 1968." And he continued, "Have you complained to the state or have you considered why this large reduction had to be?" Reynolds goes on to say how much the "school budget has increased the taxes" and then quoting him further, "To this change consider \$300,000 less return from the state and you have affected the tax rate \$7.00 per thousand increase. Is it your choice to blame someone for this increase? If it is, then please be considerate and place the blame in the correct place." End of quotes.

Let me set the selectmen straight. First, it is not true that the \$300,000 the state reduced our 'local aid' affected our tax rate! It is shocking to be told that our tax rate was affected \$7.00 by our selectman. The tax rate in Agawam was not affected by the state's withholding of the \$300,000 of "local aid" funds because — we did not have to appropriate it! In other words, it did not appear as an item of appropriation in our budget — we were not assessed as taxpayers of Agawam for the (welfare costs) \$300,000.

Now, selectmen and Finance Committee, tell us how you are going to explain why this \$7.00 increase since we did not appropriate any money for the welfare account this year. Now how do you justify the \$13. increase? The Finance Committee should be called to task for leaving this impression, too.

The Finance Committee, who have every item in the budget at hand missed their estimate of the tax rate increased by \$4 per thousand. Why did they tie in the \$300,000 'local aid' funds as an item in the budget that would be cause for the tax rate increase when they should know the welfare item was not in the budget this year? So how could it affect our taxes?

It should be explained to the Finance Committee and the selectmen that the "mathematical formula" of how we determine our taxes is not the explanation of why our taxes are increased, nor is it how our taxes were increased. I suggest that Reynolds re-review the reasons our taxes increased so much and tell us. If he does not, I will.

CHARITIES — 1.4% of Total

EXPENDED		Welfare 1969 RECOMMENDED		
1967	1968	Salary Grade	Amount	% Chg.
\$ 1,500.	\$ 259.	Salaries		
2,831.	1,487.	Relief		
182,411.	133,860.	Public Assistance		
\$ 186,742.	\$ 135,606.	Total	\$	

MINI-BIKES ILLEGAL ON MASSACHUSETTS HIGHWAYS

It has been brought to the attention of Registrar McLaughlin that in some communities youngsters are acquiring, and in some instances, are operating mini-bikes on the ways of Mass. The Registrar points out that this new fad is in violation of the law outlined as follows:

By statute (Ch. 90 Sec. 1 M.G.L.) Mini-bikes are motorcycles and must be registered if operated on the ways of Mass.

Sec. 2 of the same chapter provides that if the Registrar shall determine a motor vehicle to be unsafe or improperly equipped, he may refuse to

register it.

Under the authority of Sec. 2 the Registrar has ruled that mini-bikes are unsafe and improperly equipped and has refused to register them, consequently they cannot be operated, pushed, drawn or towed upon, or to remain upon any way.

He urges any parents whose youngsters have access to a mini-bike to make a sincere and serious effort to prevent their being operated in violation of the law, having in mind the safety of the public and the hazards of such an illegal act.

CARE has started service to Lesotho and Kenya, Africa, with emphasis on self-help aid to develop rural resources.

CARE emergency programs help war victims in South Vietnam and Nigeria-Biafra.

Less than half the 865,000 school-age children in Guatemala can attend school. Through the CARE Self-Help Program, New York 10016, it costs \$400 per classroom to buy materials to help villagers build primary schools.

It will take 6 million CARE food packages, at a dollar per package, to complete programs that will help feed 28 million hungry people in 33 countries during 1969. Contributions to the CARE Food Crusade, New York 10016, deliver U.S. commodity donations or buy other foods as needed.

A recent graduate is finding many of June's promises illusory. The world doesn't belong to him, his unbreakable watch is broken, and his lifetime pen is out of ink.

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Diana Corbin wins scholarship



WINNERS OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS made by the Catholic Association of Foresters, one of the country's oldest Catholic fraternal societies, receive congratulations from Rt. Rev. Msgr. Harry M. O'Connor (l.), High Court Chaplain and Pastor of St. Augustine's, South Boston, and Mrs. Margaret M. Fitzgerald (2nd r.), West Somerville, newly-elected Chief Ranger of the C.A.O.F. and chrnm. of the scholarship committee. Recipients of the awards, from l. to r., are: Miss Rita M. Starck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Starck, 141 West 7th St., So. Boston, a student at Emmanuel College; Miss Liza E. Kozak, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Kozak, 116 Blackstone St., Fall River, a student at Rhode Island College; and Miss Diana L. Corbin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Corbin, 131 River Rd., Agawam, a student at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

BEWARE OF HEAT PROSTRATION IN DOGS

Dr. Gus W. Thornton, Chief-of-Staff of the Angell Memorial Animal Hospital, owned by the Mass. S.P.C.A., has a poignant warning for adults and children who play too vigorously with their dogs on hot summer days. "Dogs need daily exercise and they, too, enjoy family outings. Remember, however, that summer days with intense heat can affect dogs adversely."

"Don't let dogs run after and retrieve balls and sticks thrown on the beach, in lakes and into the ocean. If this is done repeatedly, the results can be tragic. The combination of intense heat and over exertion leads to a real danger of heat prostration."

"Should your dog develop heat prostration (breathing heavily accompanied by heavy panting and weakness), first aid treatment may save his life. Before rushing the animal to your veterinarian, get him to a quiet area and soak him completely with cool water. Don't give him large amounts of water to drink, and don't allow him to drink salt water. After soaking the animal, take him immediately to a veterinarian." Another warning: "Never leave your dog in a car unless it is parked in the shade with the windows sufficiently open for ventilation."

M.D. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TELETHON

A call for volunteers has been issued by Muscular Dystrophy Associations of America to perform a variety of services in connection with the fourth annual Jerry Lewis Telethon to be seen over station WHYN-TV channel 40 in Springfield.

The super-spectacular will start at 11 p.m., Sun., Aug. 31 and continue, without interruption, until 6 p.m. on Sept. 1 (Labor Day).

Volunteers are needed for the Telethon to man telephones, to serve as typists, clerks, messengers, etc. Those who wish to volunteer their services should call 733-7256. A Telethon telephone center will be located at WHYN-TV station during the 19 1/2 hour mammoth entertainment extravaganza.

Jerry Lewis, Nat. Chrnm. of M.D.A.A., will host the program, which will originate live from the Imperial Ballroom of New York's Americana Hotel.

A record \$1,400,000 was pledged during the Labor Day Telethon last year.

The local office of Muscular Dystrophy Assns. of America, Inc. is located at 496 Bridge St., Springfield and a year-round patient service, fund raising and ed. program is conducted from that office.

DEMOCRATIC PICNIC

Richard Cabrelli, Chairman of the Democratic Town Committee, announced today that Peter Mazza as General Chrnm. for the Annual Dem. Town Comm. picnic, to be held Sat., Aug. 23, at the Polish American Club, Springfield St. A social hour will be held from 6:30-7:30. A Smorgasbord, speciality of the Pol. Amer. Club will be served at 7:30.

Mazza emphasized that town govt. is your business; more and more town people should become involved in our Dem. Town Committee. This is a chance for you to ask questions, seek advice and learn how to become an

HIGHWAY TURTLES- FRUSTRATING MENACE

BOSTON — "Highway turtles" are growing into a major traffic hazard in N.E.'s tourist areas, the Automobile Legal Association warned today.

The ALA said "highway turtles," drivers who creep along the highways at speeds far below the posted limits, are particularly hazardous on the narrow, winding, 2-lane roads in the mountains and in the heavily-traveled coastal regions.

These slow-moving motorists not only impede the orderly flow of traffic but they are often guilty of contributing to an accident, even if they are not physically involved.

By causing traffic to pile up behind them, they frustrate many motorists with the result that some motorists take unsafe chances in passing and then speeding to make up for lost time.

And at night there's the danger that a motorist traveling at the posted speed limit may unexpectedly overtake one of these "highway turtles" too quickly and could lose control of his car when he slams on his brakes.

The ALA urged all motorists to drive "at safe and reasonable speeds near the posted limits and to stay alert for those that don't. If you happen to get behind a 'highway turtle,' try to control your frustration and wait until it's safe to pass."

Remember, all turtles, even those on the highways, usually get to where they're going.

associated member and to meet all the members and the various town officials.

The tickets are being sold at the door and by a large committee; Kay Varghani, Mary Drew, Harriet Keogh, Marco Cammisa, Robert Chesley, and Albert Belniak. Edward Dahdah is in charge of decorations. Mr. Cabrelli will welcome all the guests. Publicity is being handled by Muriel Meunier.

Oil exploration in northern Alaska already has destroyed the wilderness character of an area larger than Mass., the Mass. Audubon Soc. says.

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Back yard Frontier

BY POLLY BRADLEY
Mass. Audubon Society

This is the season of the year when you really miss the sweet water.

You miss the sweet water in the ocean... most of the beaches near the cities are closed, and even the ones that are open are covered with litter and greaseballs. Many of the beaches far from the cities are polluted... if they are near enough to dirty rivers.

The other day Randy and Scott and I were at a little beach, a relatively clean one on Boston's North Shore, and the children had a wonderful time digging for clams.

Someone else was down there getting clams for chowder, so I let the kids get some, too... only when I got home and consulted the town's pollution report, I discovered that none of the town's clams are considered safe for eating. So, no chowder for us. I wonder what happened to those people who made chowder from their clams.

You miss the sweet water in the lakes. We are going to a lake in Maine for our vacation, and we've been given instructions from the people we rented the cabin from, "You can swim in the lake and use the water for washing, but don't drink it. Get your drinking water from the spring." You'd think a beautiful lake in Maine would be clean enough to drink... and many are, but not this one.

You miss the sweet water in the rivers. When I was a child, my family loved the rivers. Our delight was to find a shallow stream, and my brother and father would go trout fishing while

my mother and I went wading in the cool water. Even in those days, you often had to pick your stream carefully, but now there are fewer and fewer good wading streams. My children hardly know what wading means.

And you hear more and more reports of fish being so full of DDT that they are unsafe for human consumption. That, at least, was no problem when I was a child... DDT pollution only began about 20 years ago, and look at the changes we've made in these 20 years. Progress? Twenty more years of that kind of progress and we'll be heading for the graveyard.

Shouldn't all citizens, everyone, have the right to fish, and gather clams, and wade, and swim in sweet water? We can clean up our water, if we want to badly enough. Personally, I'd be willing to sacrifice a good deal so that I can take my grandchildren wading in a clean brook near home, even if I can't take my children.

Here in N. E. we have a simpler task cleaning up than most places. Our rivers originate in the highlands of New England; they don't flow to us from some other place. Imagine Louisiana trying to clean up the Mississippi; they'd have to start in Minnesota and Montana. Our clean-up job is really much easier, and we can do it and set an example for the rest of the nation if we will only tackle the job seriously, with deeds as well as words.

Conti Report from Washington



WASHINGTON, D.C., August 6 — A \$265,000 loan guarantee by the Farmers Home Administration for an all-white country club in Lee County, Mississippi, is "a damning indictment of our system of national priorities," U.S. Rep. Silvio O. Conte, R-Mass., charged today.

In a speech on the floor of the House, Conte said the federal government may end up paying in interest more than the face value of the loan at a time when the Small Business Administration loan guarantee program has been drastically curtailed. "Only last weekend, I had the painful experience of talking with several small businessmen in my district unable to secure loan guarantees because of the woefully inadequate funds available to the S.B.A."

"What a damning indictment of our system of national priorities when funds for such ventures are unavailable at the same time the federal government is in the business of subsidizing country clubs — and all-white country clubs at that," Conte said.

The loan guarantee drawing the Congressman's ire was approved by the FHA for the Natchez Trace Golf Club, Inc., in Lee County, Mississippi. It will enable the club to buy land it has been leasing for a 9 hole golf course, buy and build an additional 9 holes and construct a clubhouse, swimming pool, tennis courts and other facilities.

"Make no mistake about it," Conte said, "since FHA will be picking up the interest payments over 5%, we will be expending federal funds, possibly as much as \$270,000 over the 40-year term of the loan."

"Aside from this matter of national priorities, there is also the grave question whether we should be subsidizing an institution which would appear to be racially exclusive."

The Congressman pointed out that by accepting the FHA guarantee the country club is bound to federal

What's Congress Doing?

nondiscrimination requirements, but, he said, "I wonder if any of us expects a vigorous recruitment drive for black members."

"This incident raises grave questions," Conte said, "even beyond the serious matter of racial discrimination. Should federal funds be expended to subsidize country clubs anywhere at a time when the housing and nutritional needs of so many Americans remain unmet? I think the answer is clear."

AUGUST 6 — Conte today urged Pres. Nixon's Cabinet Task Force on Oil Import Control to support his bill to abolish the 10-year-old mandatory Oil Import Control Program.

"Although the subject has been studied to death," said Conte, "and there is no justification for continuing import quotas one day longer, I have submitted my views to the Task Force in the hope that there will be a prompt response recommending an end to this intolerable program so costly to the nation."

Conte's bill, co-sponsored by 53 of his House colleagues, marked the 1st legislative effort to end the program which drastically restricts the importing of foreign oil. It would gradually eliminate the quota program over a 10-year period.

"This program has resulted in artificially high oil prices which have cost the American consumer between 40 and 50 billion dollars over the last 10 years," he said.

In his Task Force submission, he also warned of new indications that the Northeast may face another serious home heating oil shortage this coming winter. "This was predicted in recent testimony before the Senate Antitrust and Monopoly Subcommittee and we must not permit government inaction to let it come true," he said.

The Pittsfield congressman, a longtime supporter of plans to create a free port and refinery at Machiasport, Maine, also urged speedy approval of that plan.

Racing at Stafford Springs

Dave Humphries is beginning to like Stafford Springs Speedway. One more checkered flag and it might even become a love-affair.

The Seekonk, Mass. veteran comes to Stafford, Friday night, Aug. 15, seeking his third straight midget victory there when the combined midget forces of Northeastern Midget Assn. and the American Race Drivers' Club share the evening's festivities with the NASCAR modifieds and the semi-late models.

Humphries' chief competition is likely to come from ARDC's defending champion and current point leader, Johnny Coy of Merrick, L.I. Humphries and Coy lead the "inter-organization" rivalry which has brought midget auto racing to a high standard this season.

NEMA is one-up at Stafford so far, Humphries winning two, Coy the other. The last Humphries win, however, came in a car that was to be driven by Coy.

Humphries is battling a pair of Nutmeggers, Len Thrall of Broad Brook in the Don Slaney Car and Lou Fray of Shelton in the McCarthy mound, in a bid to nail down NEMA's first 3 straight championships. It is one of the closest battles in recent NEMA history.

All use different engines—Thrall a Falcon, Fray a Chevy 11 and Humphries an Offy—and all run well at Stafford. Fray, in fact, won races at Stafford in 1967 and 1968 and has been in the top 5 twice this year.

Competition, however, is going to be tough in all 3 classes.

Both Coy and Humphries have strong supporting casts. ARDC lists the likes of Leigh Earnshaw, Johnny Mann, Russ Klar and Dutch Schaffer. They don't come any better than NEMA pilots like Johnny Kay, Walt Gale, George Monson, Ronnie Evans, All Pillion and Bob Pick.

The modifieds are enjoying their toughest season since promotor Mal Barlow paved the 1/2-mile in the spring of 1967. No fewer than 6 different drivers have taken checkered flags so far.

With Jerry Cook of Rome, N.Y., Buggy Stevens of Rehoboth, Mass., Bob Santos of Millis, Mass., and Fred DeSarro of Bradford, R.I., regular Stafford competitors, Stafford again figures to have a lot to say about the final outcome of the nat'l champion.

The midgets are the 1st half of the biggest back-to-back open cockpit weekends to come to N.E. in a number of years.

Friday night, Aug. 22, defending Stafford champion Gary Bettenhausen will lead the U.S. Auto Club sprint cars into Stafford for a 50-lap, inverted start feature.

Larry Dickson, the current point leader and defending champion, leads the best open cockpit drivers in the country including Greg Weld, Bill Puterbaugh, Sonny Ates, Todd Gibson, Billy Vukovich, Sam Sessions and Rolie Beale.

"I am pleased to see that competition has developed among several companies which have filed applications, but I see no justification for further delay in accepting one of them."

Conte noted that his proposal was especially vital where heating oil prices are the highest in the nation.

NEILSEN PROMOTED AT WMECo.

Douglas A. Neilsen has been promoted to field engineer for Western Mass. Electric Co., it was announced recently by Edward A. Kosinsky, supervisor of field engineers.

Neilsen, a graduate of Agawam High School, is currently enrolled in an evening course in management at W.N.E.C. He joined the company in 1955 as a temporary clerk in the Continuing Property Records Dept., and has worked as a draftsman and field estimator before being named to his present position.

He is married to the former Georgianne Sundquist of Springfield. They live at 167 Garden St. with their 3 children.

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DON'T BOUNCE THE FISH

Did you ever see a fisherman practicing "skip-along"?

It's a game played by trailing a stringer of fish over the side of a boat while the throttle is wide open.

All kidding aside, forgetting to pull the stringer into the boat before moving to another fishing spot is a mistake made by many fishermen. The cure for the problem, say the fishing authorities at Mercury outboards, is to properly care for fish the moment they are taken. Fish should be placed on ice as soon as possible, but there are several preliminary steps to keep in mind.

They should be drawn immediately. The stomach contents begin to decay soon after a fish is taken, and gastric juices can eat through

the wall causing tainted flesh. Also be sure to remove all blood along the backbone.

Next, wipe the body cavity dry with a clean cloth or paper towel. Try to keep the fish from getting wet. Water attracts bacteria which only speeds decay.

Always put an ice chest in the boat and take along some plastic bags. The bags are perfect wrapping and will keep cleaned fish from contacting any water in the ice chest. It's better to lay fish on top of the ice than to bury them, and the chest should be opened occasionally to let in some fresh air.

In addition to not bouncing fish on the stringer, this method of handling assures you of good eating when you get them home.

However, the most important consideration, advise the lads at Mercury, is that if the woman of the house likes to eat the fish you catch, bringing them home in this manner will make it easier to get away the next time you want to go fishing.

A Doctor Speaks On Fluoridation

Puerto Rico, Seen by a Dentist

Time and again the proponents for fluoridation have parroted each other on the safety of fluorine added to the water in the amount of one part per million. Yet not one long-range scientific study which would satisfy all scientists and which would be statistically significant has been made. On the other hand, there are studies which have been made by both research workers and medical men which show definite harm done to the human body on both a long range and short range exposure to fluorine in the water.

Dr. G. L. Waldbott, a physician dealing primarily with allergies, has investigated a series of fluorine poisonings from drinking water at the so-called "safe" concentration of 1 ppm. In a high percentage of those individuals, proven allergic manifestations of true allergy were observed.

One of several extremely important factors which is continually ignored by the pro-fluoridationists is *dosage*. At 1 ppm. it is assumed that everyone will drink one quart of water daily to get the desired one milligram. Everyone of you here knows that all people do not drink the same amount of water daily. Some children will drink 12 to 15 glasses of water daily, while other children seem to get along just fine with 1 or 2 glasses of water daily. Variations in temperature will cause changes in amounts of water drunk. So will occupational needs vary. Men working in the blistering heat of a steel mill will demand far greater amounts of water than white-collar workers in an air-conditioned office. Water that is used in cooking is partially evaporated, but not the fluoride content, thereby again increasing the total fluoride in parts per million and the total amount ingested. Certain foods, such as fish, contain varying amounts of fluoride. The air we breathe—especially in areas where large industries are present—has a certain amount of fluoride. Even certain vitamin preparations contain fluoride. So now *total dosage* plays a very important role; even the pro-fluoridators warn against too much fluoride.

Along with the problem of dosage is the closely related problem of individual reaction to any drug. That's why the doctor-patient relationship is so important. If any drug your physician gives you has an adverse side effect—or no effect at all—he will withdraw it, adjust the dosage, or give you another drug. But when the extremely active and highly toxic element fluoride is in our drinking water, then we immediately lose that important doctor-patient relationship.

Some of you may question the statement above about fluoride being extremely active and toxic. It is common knowledge among all chemists and people interested in this particular subject that fluoride is one of the most electro-negative active elements known to man, and its high toxicity is also common knowledge. In the minute dosage proposed by the profluoridationists—namely 1 ppm—there is a cumulative effect over a period of years which can do damage to organs or systems in the human body. Once this damage is achieved, it is irreparable.

A personal observation on the effects of dosage. On May 9, 1969, I had the opportunity to be in Puerto Rico. In the small and poor village of Fajardo I visited a small elementary school. Mrs. Robertine, the principal, was very warm in her

welcome. She showed me the grounds, class rooms, and the small kitchen where one of the children's daily meals was being cooked. The main dish for that particular day was a mixture of rice, corn, and fish. Another pot had fresh sliced pineapple, and still another pot had cold milk. I was given permission gladly to examine the children's teeth, which I did right after a 10-minute recess they were having. As I walked among the children I noticed several familiar objects—such as M & M chocolate candy packages, candy bars, cookies, etc. When I finally got to examine the teeth of the 3rd and 6th grade children I was startled to see clinically the following:

1. Almost universal mild mottling of the teeth on the tips of the cusps and along the gingival margins.
2. Several cases of severe gingivitis.
3. Visible—and remember I had no mirror, explorer, or dental light—caries on approximately 50% of the children—with five cases of rampant caries and complete breakdown and loss of the clinical crowns.

4. Premature loss of deciduous molars in the 3rd grade pupils and loss of permanent first molars in the 6th grade pupils.
5. Severe malocclusions in a few cases.

Yes, I was startled—because I expected to see nothing but "the beautiful teeth of Puerto Rican children whose water supply has been fluoridated for 12 years."

I pursued this still further in the limited time I had. My next stop was at the high school. There the assistant principal told me that there had been 180 prostheses made last year, while this year there were already 80 constructed for the children. Still later I called a Dr. Lydia Roderiquiz, a local dentist who worked on children. Without any announcement that I was for or against anything I came right to the point and asked her how the children's teeth were generally. She replied, "Doctor, the children's teeth are very bad. And many have periodontal problems." I asked myself, "Why?" Here was a village where natural fruits, fish, and other protein products were available. Then I noticed as I drove along the primitive roads that many industries were springing up—and construction was very active—and civilization with its curse of refined sugars and foods were now being made available to these young people. The mottling I saw in the young children was due to the added fluoride in their diet from the drinking water, plus the high fish intake. The breakdown of teeth with caries was only too familiar to me with the appearance of refined white sugar products. No group should know this better than the dental profession. Reduce the intake of refined sugar products and the incidence of dental decay will be proportionately reduced for each individual.

I followed this still further. The older generation of Puerto Ricans—such as the waiters at the hotel, the clean-up men, the operators of the Funiculars, the lifeguard at the pool—all seemed to have strong healthy teeth. I asked, "Did you as a child have refined sugar products?" Answer, "No." "Were you able to have the services of a dentist?" Answer, "No." The only sugars they had came from raw sugar cane and the natural fruits on the island. The lack of money also prevented their supporting any store with these refined products; the

people had to live off the land and the sea.

Coming closer to home. One of my patients who recently moved into Allentown from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, brought her four children ages 6, 11, 15 and 16 years to my office for examinations. All these children had been exposed to fluoridated water during and after pregnancy—and up to the ages mentioned above. Starting with the 6 year old I found the following:

1. 8 fillings.
2. 2 deciduous molars with caries so advanced that pulp was almost exposed.

Eleven year old:

1. 14 fillings.
2. 2 abscessed deciduous molars which had to be extracted and the area cleaned out.

3. 14 surfaces of decay which must be restored, or if too far gone may have to be extracted.

Fifteen year old:

1. 10 fillings.
2. 11 surfaces to be restored because of existing decay.

3. On the x-rays I noted that the permanent first molars had very large areas of decay which had been restored.

Sixteen year old:

1. 7 fillings.
2. 16 surfaces to be restored because of decay.

How does that strike you as the benefits of fluoridation?

I have touched on just a few of the facts which should be presented to you when considering the proposal to fluoridate our water supply. My main purpose in presenting the above statement is to help you make a decision worthy of your intelligence.

In talking with friends over dinner or picnics I found that they were eager to learn more about this controversial issue. One person remarked when the question of fluoridation came up that it was too bad that such a progressive city as Allentown did not have fluoride in its water supply. The reply made was that perhaps unbeknownst to him, the people of Allentown were far more progressive and informed than he realized, and that they were doing him a favor by thus far keeping our water supply for its intended use as a source of safe drinking and cooking water—rather than a vehicle for a highly controversial means of mass medication.

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the BIG E

West Springfield, Mass.—It's doubtful that there was a single child not astonished by some of the exotic animals "wandering" around a mini big top which housed Gene Holter's "Pet Zoo" last year at the Exposition. And of this spontaneous reaction by both young and old alike, and its popular appeal, Holter's Jungleland animals are returning to the Big E, all 10 days of the fair, Sept. 12-21.

"Gene Holter's menagerie will have even a larger role in this year's fair," announced G. W. Wynne, exec. v.p. of the Exposition. "The animals will be housed under canvas for children to watch and even pet, but 50 performing animals, including elephants, tigers, cheetahs, llamas, lion cubs, leopards, camels, ostriches and zebras, will appear in daily shows at the new Outdoor Arena. In addition, the zoo will contribute to several coliseum free shows, plus take part in the daily parade."

With the Exposition's increased emphasis on free, special events, Holter's "Pet Zoo" steps front and center as one of the most enjoyable exhibits for entire family consumption. Holter's array of exotic animals will come from his movieland animal ranch in Bloomington, Calif., where Gene trains animals for TV and motion pictures.

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July disbursements of \$369,066,713.51 exceeded the month's receipts by \$88 million which reduced the month's cash balance from its \$173,280,505.37 June level. July receipts were \$281,019,645.46.

Mass. bonded indebtedness is still over the one billion dollar mark. As of Aug. 1, he said, the total indebtedness was \$1,049,823,000. A year ago it was \$1,043,777,000.

TODAY'S AGRI-FACT

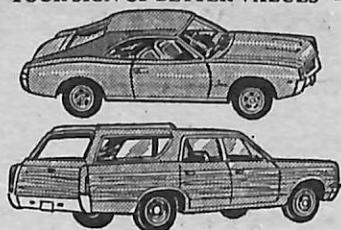
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If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield, withing twenty-one days from the twenty-eighth day of October 1969, the return day of this citation
Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this thirty-first day of July 1969.
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To all persons interested in the estate of MARY E. CRESSMAN late of Agawam in said County of Hampden, deceased.
A petition has been presented to said Court for probate of a certain instrument purporting to be the last Will of said deceased by EVALYN R. BASSANI of said Agawam praying that she be appointed executrix thereof without giving a surety on her bond.
If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield, in said County of Hampden, before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the fifth day of September 1969, the return day of this citation.
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